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## NOTES AND NEWS.

THE British Ornithologists' Union has lost two prominent members during the present year, although both gained their reputations in other fields than ornithology.

Albert Charles Ludwig Gotthelf Günther known the world over as a leader in the science of ichthyology and for twenty years (1875-1895) keeper of Zoology in the British Museum died on February 1, 1914 in his eighty-fourth year. Dr. Günther was born in Württemberg, October 30, 1830, but early in life came to England and became associated with the Museum. While his actual contributions to ornithological literature were few, it was through his initiative and support that the 'Catalogue of Birds' was published and that alone deserves the thanks of every systematic ornithologist. He also originated the Zoological Record and personally edited the first six volumes.

Gerald Edwin Hamilton Barrett-Hamilton, widely known as an authority on mammals although author of ornithological papers as well, died on January 17, 1914, on South Georgia Island in the Antarctic, where he had gone as leader of a British government expedition to investigate the whale and seal fisheries of the island. He was born in England, May 18, 1871, and his loss while still in the prime of life is a sad blow to the study to which he was devoted.